

PROJECT STATUS REPORT					1. REPORTING PERIOD October 1954			
2. CRYPTONYM		3. DIVISION OR BRANCH		4. COUNTRY		5. APPROVAL	BY	DATE
A. PROJECT	B. SUB-PROJECT	TARGET		BASE		ORIGINAL	DD/P	7 Aug 53
GRCROOND		EE/A		Austria		LAST RENEWAL		
6. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER				
		2309 K	8391					
7. TYPE OF PROJECT								
PP		X PM FI						
8. PERSONNEL		PROJ. T/O POSITIONS		ASSIGNED PERSONNEL		9. FUNDS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		
STAFF AGENTS		None		0		A. CURRENT PROJ. CEIL.		B. CUM. ALLOTMENT
CONTRACT PERSONNEL		None		2		\$ 47,020.00		\$ 23,510.00
								C. EST. CUM. OBLIGATIONS
								\$ 7,944.00

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(a) Action Reported by Field:1. Guerrilla Warfare and Resistance

A four day reconnaissance trip through a planned GW area in the Tirol (Western Austria) was made by the GRLAUNCH case officer, 2 Salzburg Operations Base communication officers, and GRLAUNCH 2, the deputy P/A of the GRLAUNCH organization. The primary purpose of the trip was to conduct W/T tests under actual operating and terrain conditions. (GRLAUNCH is a PM organization in Central and Western Austria).

The GRDAGGER case officer continues to receive favorable comments on the successfully-run GRDAGGER paramilitary training course presented this past summer.

GRBATTER, a single agent, has nearly completed reconnaissance of three areas in Central and Western Austria for their GW potential. Final folders containing notes and sketches on two of the areas have been turned over to the case officer; the third folder is expected in November. Upon completion of this work and a W/T refresher course, GRBATTER will be placed on an inactive status as a W/T stay behind asset.

2. W/T Training

The reconnaissance trip mentioned above provided GRLAUNCH 2 with excellent W/T training under actual and adverse conditions.

W/T training sessions with Salzburg communications personnel were arranged for GRLAUNCH 2, GRLAUNCH 3, and GRLAUNCH/A9.

GRDAGGER 5 took several days of on-the-air training and GRDAGGER's 12 and 13 continued to meet with their W/T instructor in Salzburg.

GRBATTER will receive W/T refresher training of two to three days upon completion of his reconnaissance work mentioned above.

3. Caching

At present, GRBATTER has a RS-6 W/T set (without crystals) cached. Upon completion of his W/T refresher training, he will receive another RS-6 set with crystals.

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A cached W/T set (a RS-1) assigned to GRBARREL, a single agent, has been exhumed by the case officer. This action was taken because of the obsolescence and the location of the set. The case officer plans to contact GRBARREL for W/T refresher training and assignment of a new RS-6 W/T set. (GRBARREL has engaged in no operational activity from November 1953 to the present).

Complete reports are now at Headquarters on the 1954 caching program carried out in Austria from 30 June to 21 September. During this period, 45 caches were placed in 35 locations by USFA personnel under the supervision of two Salzburg Operations Base Officers. All the caches were believed to be placed in a secure and effective manner and it is thought that they will remain so for an indefinite period, barring accidental disclosure. The reports, excepting the overlays of the cache locations, have been sterilized of specific names and locations and are being sent to those TSS and OTR persons concerned with caching for their information. Separate cache folders on each cache are being prepared and will be distributed to Headquarters, [] and SOB by the end of the year.

4. Administration

The GRDAGGER case officer passed the subsidy for the first quarter of FY '55, AS 250,000, to GRDAGGER 1, the project P/A.

The GRDAGGER case officer is to return to the States for training and home leave from November to January. It was decided to place the project "on ice" for this period, with emergency contact procedures laid on.

(d) Security Factors

1. ← 1. GRLAUNCH 1, the project P/A, has been in contact with a person residing in the Soviet sector of Linz, who is supposedly a GRLAUNCH member. This person was arrested in March 1954 by the Soviets (for discharging firearms on New Year's Eve (!)) and interrogated. The case officer plans to instruct the P/A to break off all contact with this person.
2. ← 2. GRBATTER was given an LCFLUTTER in September, a report of which is available at Headquarters. Some reactions to the test were noted and case officer plans to investigate the matter. GRBATTER will be re-tested upon completion of the investigation.

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